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and sincere seeker for truth, whose attainments in knowledge were so broad, and so diversified, as to command our respect and admiration, and whose large and loving heart was so manifest in all his deportment and intercourse with us, as to win our esteem and affection. We, therefore, join our sympathies with all those who have been bereft of his instruction, his example, and his fellowship, and we direct that these sentiments be placed upon our records, and a copy of the same be transmitted to the family of the deceased.

JANUARY 21.

The President, Dr. RUSCHENBERGER, in the chair.

Thirty-four persons present.

A paper entitled "Notes on some Pacific Coast Fishes," by W. N. Lockington, was presented for publication.

Solidago odora as a "Tea" Plant.—Mr. THOMAS MEEHAN drew attention to some samples of dried leaves that had been sent for identification, and which are represented to be in extensive use in Berks Co., Pa., as a beverage under the name of "Blue Mountain Tea." Mr. Meehan found the leaves to belong to *Solidago odora*. The infusion had a slight taste of fennel, by no means disagreeable, but yet with little more attractions than catnip, or any ordinary "herb tea," might present.

JANUARY 28.

The President, Dr. RUSCHENBERGER, in the chair.

Thirty-two persons present.

A paper entitled "Further Notes on the Mechanical Genesis of Tooth-forms," by Jno. A. Ryder, was presented for publication.

On Gordius, and on some Parasites of the Rat.—Prof. LEIDY exhibited a curious knotted mass of living hair-worms, *Gordius robustus*? which had been sent to him by Dr. S. T. Roman, of Conowingo, Cecil Co., Md. The mass had been picked up in a gutter at the edge of a forest near Conowingo, on a rainy morning of Dec. 15, 1878. It contained 52 male individuals, and 7 females. The former ranged from 8 to 25 centimetres in length, by $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ of a millimetre in thickness; the latter range from 14 to 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ centimetres in length, by 1 millimetre in thickness. The females are